

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, January 24, 2002, the following members were present:

Gary Feland, Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Matt Brainard, Commissioner
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

Commissioner Stovall was absent but left written votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(33) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of January 14, 2002. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Stovall voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman, via telephone
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Matt Brainard, Commissioner
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Lisa Swanson, Will Rosquist, Ryan Morton

(34) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company' s QFLT-1 Avoided Cost Filing, Docket No. D2001.7.100; Commissioner Anderson moved to set the deadline for Montana Power Company to respond to the data request for January 28, 2002 and extend for two weeks Colstrip Energy Limited Partnership' s response time for filing testimony. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Monica Tranel, Kate Whitney, Vicki Nelson

(35) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Avista Communications request for waiver of letter of agency requirements, Docket No. D2002.1.2; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the waiver and close the docket. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A substitute motion was proposed by Commissioner Anderson who moved to issue the Notice of Commission Action describing the policy proposed by staff. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe moved to delegate authority to staff to approve carrier-to-carrier transfer requests when all requirements set out in the Notice of Commission Action have been met.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Ryan Morton, Marla Larson

(36) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Corporation' s Application for Approval of Section 271, Final Report on Checklist Item 2 (Unbundled Network Elements) and Item 4 (Access to Unbundled Loops), Docket No. D2000.5.70; Commissioner Rowe moved to make corrections and issue the Final Order . Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Stovall disconnected mid-way through this work session and left his proxy with Commissioner Feland for the balance of the work sessions. Commissioner Feland cast Commissioner Stovall' s proxy aye.

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